

REGISTERED NURSE

NATURE OF WORK

This is public health nursing work utilizing advanced nursing skills to identify individual and family health needs.

Work may include any one or more of the following: utilizing advanced nursing skills to assess individual and family health needs of a more complex nature, and developing, implementing and evaluating a care plan to satisfy those needs; assisting a higher level public health nurse in group teaching activities focusing on specific client health problems; and providing information to clients regarding methods of maintaining an adequate level of health care. Work may also involve maintaining an inventory of drugs and medical supplies necessary for providing adequate health care services to the public; compiling statistical data for a monthly evaluation of public health nursing services provided within the community; and maintaining appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status. General supervision is received from an administrative superior with work being reviewed through established quality control measures. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate nursing staff.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Work may involve any one or more of the following:

Utilizes advanced nursing skills to assess individual and family health needs of a more complex nature and develops goals and objectives to satisfy those needs.

Assists a higher level public health nurse in group teaching activities focusing on specific client health problems.

Provides information to the general public regarding methods of maintaining an adequate level of health care.

Maintains an inventory of drugs and medical supplies necessary for providing adequate health care services to the public.

Provides health maintenance care for clients based upon physician's orders and general medical direction.

Compiles statistical data on activities to support division supervisors' evaluation of public health nursing services provided in the community.

Maintains appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of public health.

Knowledge of the various types of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

Knowledge of the current literature and research developments relating to public health.

Ability to understand and follow complex oral and written medical instructions.

Ability to maintain accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, clients, and the general public.

Skill in the use, operation, and maintenance of the various types of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a school of nursing (accredited by the National League for Nursing) plus experience in the delivery of public health nursing services.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school of nursing (accredited by the National League for Nursing); or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Nebraska.

Must possess and maintain a valid State of Nebraska driver's license.

Approved by: _____
Department Head

Personnel Director

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